IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION

CIVIL CASE NO. 1:12cv275

AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,	
Plaintiff,	
VS.	<u>ORDER</u>
CARROLL WAYNE BRYSON, individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Adam Brent Bryson, AMANDA BECK, as parent and guardian of minor J.F.B.,	
Defendants.	

THIS MATTER is before the Court *sua* sponte.

The Plaintiff initiated this action on September 4, 2012. [Doc. 1]. On November 9, 2012, Plaintiff's counsel filed proof that Defendant Bryson had been served with the Summons and Complaint on October 31, 2012 with Answer being due on November 21, 2012. [Doc. 8]. Defendant Bryson failed to file Answer or to otherwise appear. On January 2, 2013, Plaintiff's counsel filed proof that Defendant Beck had been served on December 31, 2012 with Answer being due on January 22, 2013. [Doc. 9]. Defendant

Beck failed to file Answer or to otherwise appear.

The Plaintiff has not moved for entry of default as to either Defendant.

The Court will therefore require the Plaintiff to show cause why this action should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that on or before fifteen (15) days from entry of this Order, the Plaintiff shall file response as to why this action should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute. Should the Plaintiff file a Motion for Default Judgment within that same time period, the Plaintiff need not show cause.

Signed: February 4, 2013

United States District Judge